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### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### ***Amendments***

1. Amendments have not been entered as they raise new issues requiring search and consideration. The amendment to claim 1 further defines the area of the element being considered and the further definition requires additional search and consideration.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 6/4/2010 have been fully considered. However, they are moot because they are based on the non-entered amendment.

#### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL CARTER whose telephone number is (571)270-1872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., EST.

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